

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--February 1985

I. GENERAL

A. As reported earlier, the Consulate intends to improve physical security around the main building. The first of the more visible changes planned could be seen this week as construction of a new 10-foot high iron perimeter fence got underway. There are no enhanced security measures planned at this time for St. John's building.

B. A 2-day China reporting conference was held at the Consulate 28 Feb-1 Mar. State, USIS, and military representatives from Beijing, the consulates at Shanghai, Shenyang, and Guangzhou, Taiwan, and Washington attended. [] sat in as an observer during the first day's sessions which covered PRC foreign and domestic policy issues. Five participants visited the bureau the afternoon of the second day for a short briefing and tour.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Starting 3 March, a staff editor will be scheduled to work each Sunday shift on a regular basis. Heretofore, [] had handled all priority editorial tasks while carrying out his regular Sunday monitorial duties. Recently, with the addition of AFP coverage and more action generally on Sundays, the editorial workload has increased. Editors have had to be called in overtime to assist [] With a staff editor on duty, [] will be able to devote full time to monitoring activities. Associate editors will be given some slot duties during the Mon-Fri dayshifts to smooth out the editorial work schedule.

2. Bureau monitors observed that Philippine President Marcos sounded unusually tired and unresponsive during a 26 February press conference. This was reported to LRB, comparing his slurred words and tired response on that occasion to an enthusiastic speech he had delivered just 9 days earlier. LRB requested that both tapes be sent into Headquarters for evaluation.

3. Coverage of Wellington radio, which we undertook more or less as an ad hoc initiative in late January when the U.S. nuclear ship port call issue erupted, continued during the month. A number of items were selected from this source as the U.S.-New Zealand dispute raged on.

4. We have started receiving Beijing JINGJI RIBAO, the economics daily, the day after publication. The paper is being supplied by the same news vendor who gets us RENMIN RIBAO on the day of publication. It had been taking us 5-7 days to get the paper.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of Sharon Horton, head of the Trade Development Program (TDP), copies of items on Philippine economic issues and certain PRC trade and development projects are being forwarded to her. TDP is one of the U.S. Government offices located in our building.

2. The bureau has been sending occasional video tapes directly to Camp Zama, Japan at their request. They are providing replacement tapes. Interest in receiving such tapes was reiterated during a recent visit to the bureau by a DIA official from Zama. (see "Visitors") He was told that we had no objection to an occasional ad hoc request for a tape providing they continued to replace the tapes. He said they would carefully monitor the number of requests and insure that they not get out of hand. The direct requests to the bureau were prompted by what he referred to as the "hopeless delays" in getting such tapes through normal DIA channels via our VSLs. He said they had just received in early February a tape of the 1 October National Day parade in Beijing.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. The bureau gained one employee and lost another during the month, leaving us at our full T/O [redacted] Our new teletype operator, [redacted], EODed on the 25th; [redacted] a monitor who had been with us nearly 3 years, resigned on 2 March to go to work for an advertising firm.

B. Details of the Consulate's proposed new retirement plan for local employees were released during the month. But the premature release of the plan merely served to create a lot of confusion in the minds of most Consulate locals. The plan, as it was publicized, is only what State would like to see implemented. The Consulate has yet to confirm that any local underwriters can agree to the terms and conditions requested by State. It appears that it will be some time yet before a plan is agreed to by all concerned. A copy of the State-proposed plan was given to Chief/Admin Staff during his visit here.

C. Six bureau employees (the chief, the secretary, [redacted] [redacted] and our junior technician) participated in the 2-week IBM PC training session [redacted]

IV. VISITS

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A. [] computer trainer, to conduct the 2-week IBM PC training program, 3-17 February.

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B. [] during an overnight layover enroute back from his trip to Australia, 6 February.

C. Sharon Horton, chief of the Trade Development Program (TDP), and a senior TDP official from Washington, for a briefing on FBIS, 17 February.

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D. [], DIA representatives from Camp Zama and Hawaii respectively, for a briefing on the bureau and FBIS while visiting other facilities in Hong Kong, 19 February.

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E. [] for bureau familiarization as part of a visit to the Far East bureaus, 27 February-3 March.

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Bureau Chief

Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Original and 3 - Hqs
C/Bangkok
C/Okinawa
C/Seoul

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 915,280
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 76,300
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 1,281

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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

	MIN.	MIN.	ISSUES
	5,650	10,140	262

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	520
BEIJING CITY SERVICE IN	950
MANDARIN	
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN	
TAGALOG	990
CHONGQING HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	6,040
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	8,540
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	11,640
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	4,860
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	2,960
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	7,080
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	5,680
LHASA TIBET REGIONAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	7,260
SHANGHAI SHANGHAI REGIONAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	6,960
SHIJIAZHUANG HEBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	5,280
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	5,160
TIENJIN CITY SERVICE IN	0
MANDARIN	
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	6,750
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	14,480
XIAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	6,480
XINING NINGXIA PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	5,580
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN	
MANDARIN	7,360
BEIJING YINCHUAN HONG KONG SERVICE IN	
CHINESE	9,970
BEIJING ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN	
CHINESE	10,970
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN	
CHINESE	10,760
BEIJING SHANGHAI XINWEN SHE IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING BEIJING REVIEW IN	
ENGLISH	3,780
BEIJING BEIJING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	2,870
BEIJING BEIJING WANGBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN	
ENGLISH	32,890
BEIJING JIANGSU ZHOUBAO IN	
CHINESE	200
BEIJING SHANGHAI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	4,840
BEIJING GUANGDONG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	25,540
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING HONGKONG IN	
CHINESE	115,160
BEIJING HUNAN IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING JIANGSU WENTI IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGDI GUANLI IN	
CHINESE	43,800
BEIJING JINGDI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	20,770
BEIJING JINGDIYUE ZHOUKAN IN	
CHINESE	2,770
BEIJING JINGDI YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	31,610
BEIJING LIJIAO IN	
CHINESE	17,900
BEIJING LIJIAO YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING NINGXIA RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	3,800
BEIJING PEKING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	115,910
BEIJING SHIJI JINGDI IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJI LIJIAO IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJI ZHISHI IN	
CHINESE	17,070
BEIJING XINWEN PINGLUN IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING XINWEN BAO IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING XINWEN YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN	
CHINESE	1,660
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGXIAN BAO IN	
CHINESE	0
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGDI WENTI IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	2,120
GUANGZHOU HANGFANG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	4,270
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANGBAO IN	
CHINESE	780
HAIKOU HAINAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1,560
HEFEI ANHUI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	16,920
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1,000
KUNMING YUNNAN SIXIANG ZHANXIAN IN	
CHINESE	1,310
LANZHOU LANZHOU WANGBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJI JINGDI SHANGHAI IN	
CHINESE	1,500
SHIJIAZHUANG HEBEI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	3,430
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	900
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1,640
XIAN SHANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	780
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	4,950

HONG KONG	
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN	
ENGLISH	690
HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCAST LIMITED IN	
ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN	
ENGLISH	260
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	230
HONG KONG AFP IN	
ENGLISH	78,330
HONG KONG ASIaweek IN	
ENGLISH	3,430
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN	
CHINESE	9,290
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN	
CHINESE	2,500
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN	
CHINESE	6,440
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN	
ENGLISH	2,960
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD IN	
ENGLISH	6,770
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN	
CHINESE	4,640
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG MING PAO IN	
CHINESE	2,190
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN	
CHINESE	6,410
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN	
ENGLISH	17,960
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
CHINESE	6,630
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
ENGLISH	1,140
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN	
CHINESE	3,790

NEW ZEALAND	
WELLINGTON OVERSEAS SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	6,900

PHILIPPINES	
DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN	
TAGALOG	290
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN	
ENGLISH	9,560
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN	
TAGALOG	1,110
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN	
TAGALOG	480
QUEZON CITY MAHARLIKA BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN	
ENGLISH	23,660
QUEZON CITY MAHARLIKA BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN	
TAGALOG	0
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN	
ENGLISH	2,240
DAVAO CITY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN	
ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN	
ENGLISH	1,610
MANILA BULLETIN TODAY IN	
ENGLISH	5,350
MANILA BUSINESS DAY IN	
ENGLISH	26,890
MANILA METRO MANILA TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	6,120
MANILA PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN	
ENGLISH	6,760
MANILA PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN	
ENGLISH	0
MANILA TIMES JOURNAL IN	
ENGLISH	3,590
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN	
ENGLISH	18,440
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN	
ENGLISH	7,440